

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2535**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cedillo**

February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 876 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2535, as introduced, Cedillo. Public utilities.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to establish a program of assistance to low-income electric and gas customers, which is referred to as the California Alternate Rates for Energy program. The Moore Universal Telephone Service Act establishes the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service program in order to provide low-income households with access to affordable basic residential telephone service.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 876 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 876. The commission shall require—~~every~~ *a* telephone
- 4 corporation providing telephone service within a service area to
- 5 file a schedule of rates and charges providing a class of lifeline
- 6 telephone service. ~~Every~~ A telephone corporation providing service
- 7 within a service area shall inform all eligible subscribers of the

- 1 availability of lifeline telephone service, and how they may qualify
- 2 for and obtain service, and shall accept applications for lifeline
- 3 telephone service according to procedures specified by the
- 4 commission.

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